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SUMMARY: SECURITY COUNCIL MET TO CONSULT ON UK RESOLUTION
SEPTEMBER 27. UK AND US OPENED WITH BRIEF REVIEW OF NATURE
OF UK RESOLUTION AND EMPHASIZED THAT SC APPROVAL OF UK
RESOLUTION DID NOT PREJUDGE SC POSITION ON PROPOSAL AS WHOLE.
USSR SAID NEITHER RESOLUTION NOR OVERALL PROPOSAL
"AROUSED ANY SYMPATHY" IN USSR AND INSISTED THAT SC MUST

DIRECTLY HEAR VIEWS OF PATRIOTIC FRONT BEFORE IT COULD ACT. LATTER VIEW ENDORSED BY BENIN AND ROMANIA. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION IT WAS AGREED THAT JOSHUA NKOMO WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS FORMAL SC MEETING ON UK RESOLUTION IF HE WISHES TO DO SO. SC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 3:00 PM SEPT. 28. END SUMMARY

1. SC PRESIDENT (FRG, VON WECHMAR) OPENED SEPT 27 CONSULTATION BY DRAWING ATTENTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO TWO TELEGRAMS JUST RECEIVED FROM RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT. THE FIRST REQUESTED THAT RHODESIA BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN SC DEBATE AND THE SECOND TENDERED AN INVITATION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYG TO VISIT RHODESIA FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN PARA 11(C) OF UK PROPOSAL. SC AGREED TO MAKE NO RESPONSE TO THE RHODESIAN TELEGRAMS (CUSTOMARY TREATMENT ACCORDED BY SC TO RHODESIAN COMMUNICATIONS).

2. UK (RICHARD) THEN GAVE BRIEF EXPLANATION OF WHAT UK RESOLUTION WAS ASKING SC TO DO. HE NOTED THAT ALL MEMBERS HAD THE OVERALL PROPOSAL AS WELL AS THE STATEMENT ON MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS BY DR. OWEN. HE NOTED THAT PARA 11(C) OF THE PROPOSAL SUGGESTED THAT THE SYG SHOULD APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO LOOK INTO THE MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO EFFECT A TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE. RICHARD EMPHASIZED THAT THE UK RESOLUTION WAS A PRELIMINARY STEP AND THAT APPROVAL OF IT DID NOT MEAN APPROVING THE PROPOSAL AS CONFIDENTIAL

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AS A WHOLE. HE SAID THAT SENDING THE SYG REP WAS NECESSARY SO THAT SC COULD PUT ITSELF IN A POSITION TO JUDGE THE OVERALL PROPOSAL. WITHOUT THE REPORT OF THE SYG REP. THE SC WOULD NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO DECIDE WHETHER THE PROPOSAL MADE SENSE. RICHARD HOPED THAT THE FORMAL SC DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE SHORT AND CRISP SINCE THE RESOLUTION CAREFULLY AVOIDED MAKING ANY JUDGEMENT ON THE PROPOSAL AS A WHOLE. RICHARD THEN SAID THAT THE UK AND US HAD APPROACHED ALL SC MEMBERS, FRONT-LINE STATES, OTHER AFRICAN STATES, THE OAU AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ON THEIR PROPOSAL, AND NONE HAD TURNED THE PROPOSAL DOWN. RICHARD BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION SUGGESTED BY THE FRONT-LINE STATES, I.E., IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1, REPLACING THE WORDS "WITH A VIEW... THE FORCES:" WITH "CONCERNING MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS" (REFTEL, PARA. 3).

3. US (YOUNG) EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION NOTING THE APPARENT WILLINGNESS OF ALL PARTIES TO SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES TO ACHIEVE AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. YOUNG NOTED THAT UK RESOLUTION WOULD ONLY AUTHORIZE THE SYG TO ENTER INTO THIS SEARCH. US HOPED SC WOULD TAKE THIS STEP READILY.

4. MAURITIUS (RAMPHUL) FULLY SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SC WAS BEING ASKED TO MEET ONLY TO DISCUSS THE LIMITED STEP MANDATING THE SYG TO SEND HIS REPRESENTATIVE TO RHODESIA.

5. USSR (TROYANOVSKY) SAID THAT NEITHER THE PROPOSAL NOR THE RESOLUTION "AROUSED ANY SYMPATHY AMONG US". THE USSR FELT THAT THE UN SHOULD NOT BE LINKED TO MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE USSR REMEMBERED THE "SORRY AND TRAGIC" EXPERIENCE OF THE CONGO, WHICH HAD DONE SO MUCH HARM TO UN. TROYANOVSKY THEN STATED THAT, BEFORE THE SC COULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE BRITISH RESOLUTION, IT SHOULD
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OFFICIALLY KNOW THE ATTITUDES OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE SAID THE USSR HAD INFORMATION THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, CONTRARY

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TO WHAT THE UK REP HAD SAID, WAS NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH THE PROPOSAL. IN HIS OPINION, IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THE SC HEAR THE "REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE." IT ALSO SEEMED NECESSARY TO KNOW THE OFFICIAL ATTITUDES OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES. SURELY, THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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DECIDED FIRST.

6. BENIN (BYOA) WELCOMED ANY ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IN RHODESIA BUT SAID THAT SC SHOULD ADOPT ALL POSSIBLE GUARANTEES THAT PEACE EFFORTS BE EFFECTIVE. BOYA WONDERED WHETHER, BY AGREEING TO THE RESOLUTION, SC MEMBERS WERE NOT BINDING THEIR HANDS WITH REGARD TO THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL. HE THEN ENDORSED USSR PROPOSAL.

7. INDIA (JAIPAL) EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE UK/US PROPOSAL AND NOTED THAT LIMITED NATURE OF THE RESOLUTION AT HAND. HE SAID THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE UK STATEMENT OF AFRICAN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION AND SAID THAT HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE SYG REPRESENTATIVE AS WELL AS THE UK RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WOULD BE CONSULTING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. THEREFORE, INDIA SAW NO OBJECTION TO THE RESOLUTION AT HAND. IT DID, HOWEVER, HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO SUGGEST. NOTING THAT "ARRANGEMENTS" MAY NOT BE JUST "MILITARY", JAIPAL OFFERED THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO FOLLOW THE WORD "PARTIES" IN THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH: "...CONCERNING THE MILITARY AND OTHER SUCH ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR EFFECTING THE TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA".

8 UK(RICHARD) SAID THAT UK WOULD CONSIDER AND CONSULT ON SUGGESTED INDIAN AMENDMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE WORDING THE INDIAN AMENDMENT WOULD REPLACE WAS THAT OF FRONT-LINE STATES. HE SAID, SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF, HE SAW NO OBJECTION TO INDIAN AMENDMENT ALTHOUGH IT DID SEEM TO SLIGHTLY WIDEN THE REPRESENTATIVE'S MANDATE. TURNING TO STATEMENT BY USSR, RICHARD

SAID THAT SURELY USSR ALREADY KNEW THAT FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS
HAD FORMALLY ENDORSED THE UK RESOLUTION. HE COULD NOT
BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS IGNORANT OF THE ATTITUDES
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OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE FRONT-LINE STATES ON THIS
MATTER. REGARDING THE STATEMENT BY BENIN, RICHARD SAID
THAT IT SHOULD BE CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT APPROVAL OF THIS FIRST
STEP DID NOT AMOUNT TO ENDORSEMENT OF THE RESOLUTION AS
A WHOLE. RESOLUTION WAS ONLY ASKING FOR A REP TO "TAKE
SOUNDINGS".

9. TROYANOVSKY INSISTED THAT SC SHOULD HEAR THE VIEWS
DIRECTLY OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.
HE AGREED THAT THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS THAT THE FRONT-LINE
STATES SUPPORT THE UK RESOLUTION BUT THOUGHT IT BETTER
THAT THEY AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES
BEFORE THE SC. US (YOUNG) NOTED THAT NKOMO WAS NOW IN
NEW YORK AND PERHAPS THE COUNCIL COULD ARRANGE TO HEAR HIM.

10. LIBYA (KIKHIA) SUPPORTED ANY POSITIVE STEPS TOWARD
PEACE IN RHODESIA. KIKHIA NOTED THAT THE UK REP HAD ASSURED
THE COUNCIL THAT APPROVAL OF THE UK RESOLUTION DID NOT
CONSTITUTE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL AS WHOLE. HE SUGGESTED, HOW-
EVER, THAT THE DRAFT BE MADE SHORTER AND OBVIATE ANY
POSSIBLE CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL AS A WHOLE BY OMITTING
ANY DIRECT REFERENCE IN IT TO THE WHITE PAPER PROPOSAL;
I.E., IN THE FIRST PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH LIBYA PROPOSED THE
DELETION OF "THE PROPOSALS...WITH" AND IN THE SECOND PRE-
AMBULAR PARAGRAPH THE DELETION OF "IN CONNECTION...PROPOSALS."

11. PANAMA, CANADA, AND FRANCE THEN GAVE STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT
FOR THE RESOLUTION. ROMANIA HAD NO OBJECTIONS BUT ENDORSED
THE SOVIET VIEW THAT THEPATRIOTIC FRONT SHOULD BE INVITED
TO GIVE ITS VIEWS.

12. CHINA (CHOU NAN) SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
THE AFRICAN STATES FAVORED A MEETING TO CONSIDER THE UK
RESOLUTION, CHINA WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE MEETING. WITH
REGARD TO SUBSTANCE, THE CHINESE MISSION WAS AWAITING IN-
STRUCTIONS. HE NOTED THAT CHINA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE
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TO MAKE ITS COMMENTS ON THE RESOLUTION AT THE FORMAL
SC MEETING.

13. USSR (TROYANOVSKY) THEN URGED THAT COUNCIL TURN ITS ATTENTION BACK TO USSR PROPOSAL TO INVITE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

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14. IN A SUMMING UP, UK (RICHARD) SAID THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE CONSENSUS THAT SC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE UK RESOLUTION TAKE PLACE. RICHARD NOTED THAT JOSHUA NKOMO WAS IN NEW YORK. IF NKOMO WISHED TO ADDRESS SC, UK WOULD WELCOME THAT, BUT SC CANNOT DEMAND HIS PRESENCE. RICHARD SUGGESTED
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THAT THE BEST WAY TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF NKOMO WAS TO FIX A TIME FOR THE FORMAL SC MEETING (POSSIBLY) WEDNESDAY AFTER-NOON) AND TO INVITE NKOMO TO ATTEND AND ADDRESS THAT MEETING.

15. PRESIDENT NOTED APPARENT AGREEMENT THAT NKOMO SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE SC MEETING ON THE UK RESOLUTION WHICH HE THEN FORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESAY, SEPT. 28 AT 3:00 PM.

16. COMMENT: SUCCESSFUL COMPROMISE CAN PROBABLY BE FOUND FOR AMENDMENTS OFFERED. ONE POSSIBLE HOOKER IS SOVIET INSISTANCE ON NKOMO'S PRESENCE AT FORMAL SC SESSION. KNOMO'S STATEMENT -- AND IT APPEARS THAT HE WILL MAKE ONE -- WILL BE KEY, NOW THAT SOVIETS HAVE GREATLY INCREASED HIS LEVERAGE. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION FOLLOWING SC MEETING, HOWEVER, NKOMO ASSURED AMBASSADOR LEONARD OF HIS COOPERATION AND STATED HIS VIEW THAT UK RESOLUTION MUST GO FORWARD. HE WARNED LEONARD, HOWEVER, THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT COULD NOT APPEAR TOO SUPPORTIVE IN PUBLIC. THUS WHILE NKOMO SEEMS CERTAIN TO RAISE SOME OBJECTIONS AND RESERVATIONS TOMORROW, WE EXPECT BOTTOM LINE OF HIS STATEMENT TO SUPPORT UK RESOLUTION.
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